

Hopkinton Senior Recreation Council

Minutes of Meeting of October 17, 2011

Members Present: Joanne Woodward, Chair, Judith Sanborn, June Garvin, Jack Ward, Gloria Symonds, Elaine Lambert, Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw, Jessica Bailey, Recreation Director, and Sara Darby, Pro-Tem Secretary.

Members Absent: None.

Visitors Present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Lillian Landry, Allita Paine, and Merle Dustin.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairperson Joanne Woodward.

II. Minutes of September 19, 2011 Meeting

The members reviewed the minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2011. No corrections were made. Jack Ward made a motion that the minutes not be read, but accepted as is by the Council. June Garvin seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted by the unanimous vote of all members.

III. Old Business

Bulletin Boards:

Gloria Symonds said that the bulletin board across from the front desk is still cluttered. Discussion ensued. If any volunteer sees that a notice or flyer is outdated, he or she should remove it.

Floors and Bathrooms at Slusser Senior Center:

It was mentioned that the floors at the Slusser Senior Center, especially in the dining room and fitness room, do not look clean. There are some scratches embedded in the floor tiles which cannot be removed. Jessica will speak to Garrett about having the floors cleaned.

Jessica said that work is being done to install shelves in the bathrooms.

Name Tags:

Jessica said that name tags have been ordered for the front desk volunteers who do not have them.

Horseshoe Pit:

Herm is leaving his position for the Town of Hopkinton. He was the contact person Jessica was talking with about the Horseshoe Pit. When a new person is hired, Jessica will follow up on this.

Volunteer Meeting on 10/5/11:

Most of the Council members were at the Volunteer Meeting on October 5th, which went well. Jessica will work with Janet Krzyzaniak to have information available for all front desk volunteers for tours of the Slusser Senior Center with interested seniors.

Income from Indoor Yard Sale at Slusser Senior Center:

Jessica will talk to Justin La Vigne about this matter when he completes his hike.

Miscellaneous Items:

The black curtain has been put back up in the dining room, which should help when movies are shown at the Senior Center.

The flag outside the Senior Center needs a stronger pole. Jessica Bailey or Janet Krzyzaniak will research getting a better pole.

Gloria Symonds said that one window in the Fitness Room sticks – she will show Jessica which one, and Jessica will ask Garrett to fix it.

Lillian Landry asked if the carpet by the exit door in the Fitness Room interferes with the dancers. Gloria Symonds said no, because the dancers removed it. Lillian suggested that the middle exit door (by the stairs) should be used, instead of the exit door in the Fitness Room.

IV. Program Discussion:

Jessica asked how the new exercise programs (led by Rebekah Brigham) are going. It was mentioned that Rebekah modifies the exercises to suit the participants' ability levels.

V. New Business:

Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 26th:

The Halloween Party will be held at the Senior Lunch on October 26th at 12:00 noon. Jessica needs volunteers to help decorate the dining room on Tuesday, October 25th. Seniors are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes to add to the fun!

Lillian Landry asked Jessica if the owner of the Cracker Barrel has contacted Jessica about gift certificates. Jessica has not heard from him yet, so Lillian may ask him again. Jessica said 10 pumpkins are being donated. They will be used for centerpieces for the tables at Senior Lunch on October 26th, and then will be raffled off. Allita Paine asked what kind of prizes will be given out. Jessica said there will be various gift certificates for \$10.00 each to be given for prizes, and other items will be raffled off.

The Hopkinton Fire Department is prepared to cook and serve lunch on October 26th.

VI. Citizens' Forum (formerly called Visitors' Input):

Student Programs at Slusser Senior Center:

Some Seniors have questions and concerns about the out of school suspension program at the Slusser Senior Center. Jessica Bailey said this program was set up before she started working here, and discussion ensued. Jessica will research the program to see if changes need to be made.

Senior Lunches:

Merle Dustin said any person preparing or serving Senior Lunches should have their hair put up or wear a hair net. It was suggested that a list of kitchen service guidelines be made and posted.

Wind Screen at End of Front Porch of Senior Center near Dining Room:

Merle Dustin said about three years ago, she paid for materials and a carpenter's services to erect a wind screen at the end of the front porch of the Senior Center, near the Dining Room on the upper level. The lower section, made of Plexiglas, has stood up well, but the vinyl latticework has been broken by the wind. The carpenter has fixed it twice. Merle asked if anyone has any ideas about what can be done to make the wind screen more durable. The wind screen cuts down on the impact of the wind and drifting snow in front of the Senior Center. Jessica asked Merle to talk to the carpenter to get more ideas and some price quotes and give her the information. The carpenter can be invited to give a presentation on this at a future Senior Recreation Council meeting.

VII. Other Business:

Senior Recreation Council:

Gloria Symonds' term as a member of the Senior Recreation Council is ending. Joanne Woodward, Chair, asked Gloria if she is willing to serve as a member of the Council for a second 3-year term, and Gloria agreed to do so. June Garvin made a motion to re-nominate Gloria for a second term. The motion was seconded by Judy Sanborn. Gloria Symonds was re-nominated for a second term by all of the Council members by unanimous vote, with no objections.

A question was asked about the procedure for re-nominating a member of the Senior Recreation Council for another term. First, a Council member should make a motion to re-nominate a person, and the motion should be seconded by another member. Then all the Council members vote whether or not to approve the re-nomination. Sara Darby said that if the re-nomination is approved, the Chairperson of the Council needs to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that the member be re-appointed for another term.

Jessica Bailey said that at the next monthly meeting, the Senior Recreation Council members should nominate members and vote for officers, according to the Council's Bylaws..

Senior Recreation Committee Guiding Principles and Bylaws:

Copies of the Senior Recreation Committee Guiding Principles and Bylaws were passed out to all the members. A position for Treasurer is not mentioned in the current Bylaws. It was decided that this would not be changed at this time.

Senior Programs:

Jessica said if someone is running a program and needs more supplies or equipment (such as weights for exercise programs), let her know and she will see if there is enough money to cover the cost. It was mentioned that the weights in boxes on the shelves in the Fitness Room belong to individual seniors, and should not be used for anyone else. Jessica said that the money put into the donation box in the Fitness Room is used for Senior programs.

Computer Classes:

Jessica said this is a bad time of year to get the Senior To Senior Group involved in setting up computer classes for seniors. This will be done at a later time.

Musical Talent:

Nini Allen is helping Jessica Bailey to get people to provide background music for some Senior Lunches. Sandra Smart will be asked if she wants to choose specific dates on the Senior Calendar to play the piano at Senior Lunches.

There being no further business, Judy Sanborn moved that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion was seconded by Elaine Lambert. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. by unanimous vote of all the members.

The next meeting of the Senior Recreation Council is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the Slusser Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Darby
Pro-Tem Secretary

Minutes approved on November 21, 2011.
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